

**GENERAL LICENSURE  
PERTAINING TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL  
REGULATED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

According to Section (§) 289.251(a) of Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (25 TAC), except as otherwise authorized, no person shall receive, possess, use, transfer, own or acquire radioactive material except as authorized in a general license, a general license acknowledgment or a specific radioactive material license. A general license is an authorization granted in accordance with a particular section of the rules [i.e., Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 289, formerly known as the Texas Regulations for Control of Radiation (TRCR)]. In most instances an application need not be filed nor is a license document issued by the agency in order to make the general license effective.. However, there are instances where it is necessary to submit a request to the agency in order to use the general license (reciprocal recognition of an out-of-state license), submit an application to obtain an acknowledgment of the general license (certain devices), and file an application to secure an acknowledgment before acquiring the radioactive material pertinent to that general license (in vitro testing materials).

General licenses granted by the rules are provided in the following categories:

**OWNERSHIP OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

25 TAC §289.251(f)(3).

source material, that is, uranium and thorium

25 TAC §289.251(g)(3)

other radioactive material, that is, byproduct material, and naturally-occurring and  
accelerator-produced radioactive material (NARM)

**POSSESSION OF SOURCE MATERIAL**

25 TAC §289.251(f)(1)

limited to not more than 15 pounds at any one time and no more than 150 pounds in a year

**MINING, TRANSPORT AND TRANSFER OF ORES**

25 TAC §289.251(f)(4)

**DEPLETED URANIUM**

25 TAC §289.251(f)(5)

in products or devices for the purpose of providing shielding, including beam shaping  
and collimation

**LUMINOUS SAFETY DEVICES IN AIRCRAFT**

25 TAC § 289.251(g)(2)

CERTAIN CALIBRATION, STABILIZATION OR REFERENCE SOURCES

25 TAC § 289.251(g)(4)(A)

americium-241, plutonium and/or radium-226 calibration, stabilization or reference sources

ICE DETECTION DEVICE

25 TAC § 289.251(g)(5)

GENERALLY LICENSED DEVICES

25 TAC § 289.251(g)(1)

static elimination devices containing not more than 500 microcuries of polonium-210 per device  
50 millicuries of tritium per device.

25 TAC § 289.251(g)(1)

devices designed and manufactured for the purpose of producing light or an ionized atmosphere

25 TAC § 289.251(j)(1)

fixed or portable gauging devices  
application for acknowledgment required

IN VITRO CLINICAL AND LABORATORY TESTING

25 TAC § 289.251(j)(2)

an acknowledgment must be issued before the radioactive material can be received,

TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

25 TAC § 289.251(h)

PREPARATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FOR TRANSPORT

25 TAC § 289.257(g)

RECIPROCITY

25 TAC § 289.252(s)

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Section 46.10(a) of the Texas Regulations for Control of Radiation (TRCR)